



North Everett, Washington

North Everett Community Coalition

The North Everett Community Coalition is the catalyst to intentionally create a thriving, drug-free community for our youth

Demographic Information:

North Everett is a culturally, ethnically and socioeconomically diverse community that feels "divided" from the rest of Everett because of the area's perception by many outsiders as being "unsafe."

Stakeholders report that their community is comprised of a mix of young and aging residents, working low to middle income jobs, and were aware of homeless individuals, families and youth.

In addition to American-born families, the North Everett community is home to a growing refugee and immigrant population; nearly 30 languages are spoken by families with students enrolled at North Middle School.

North Everett residents tend to have a high school education or less, live in a melting-pot of ethnicities (students at North Middle School identify as white - 64.5%, Hispanic - 16.5%, Asian Pacific Islander - 8.3%, Black - 4.8%, American Indian/ Alaskan Native - 2.8%) and have a median household income of \$33,00.00. The community is largely comprised of home renters, not owners.

Organizational Overview:

Previous Successes in Prevention Initiatives:

Although their prevention-specific successes are limited to school-based programs, North Everett hosts many community events. Stakeholders report, "There is always something big, free and fun happening!"

Community Resources:

Stakeholders:

North Everett residents identify as action-minded, caring people who support each other. They pride themselves on their diversity of culture, art, faith and the desire to better their community.

They described an abundance of resources that benefit the community, including attractive parks, a strong faith community and good schools striving to help their students. Two institutions of higher learning, Everett Community College and Trinity Lutheran College, provide access to training, retraining and other educational opportunities including GED programs.

Existing Resources:

North Everett benefits from a public transit system and an abundance of social service and government agency partnerships. It also has strong neighborhood groups, an adaptive and resilient North Middle School staff, a large volunteer base and the ability to take on community-wide projects.

Stakeholders view their energy and ability to come together as their greatest resource.

Our Vision

Kids and strong families making healthy lifestyle choices and contributing to our community.

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**Coalition Partner:
North Middle School**

We, at North, Middle School, believe that developing a sense of belonging and forming closer, more positive relationships will create a safer social and emotional environment for staff, students and their families.

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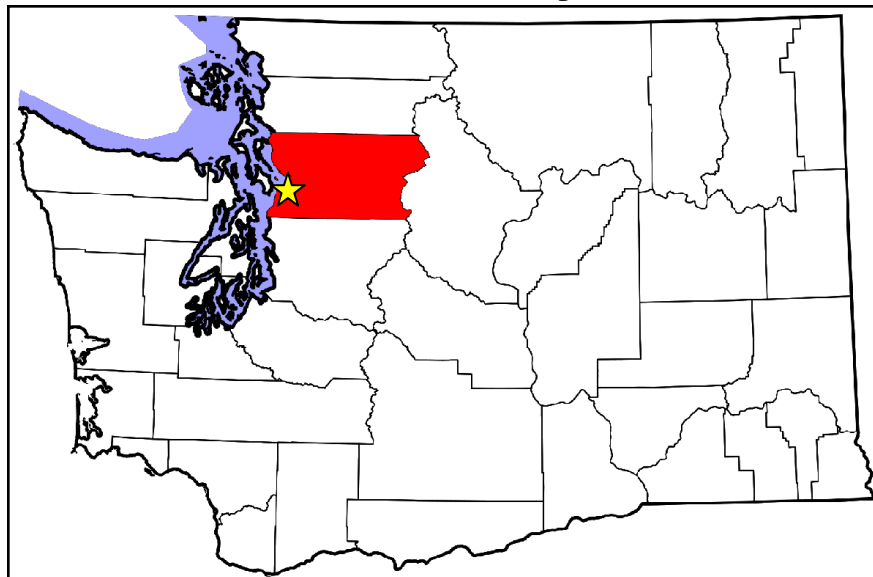
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Brief Community Profile

Highlights of Local Problems:

North Everett was identified by multiple data sets as a high-risk community with Healthy Youth Survey and Archival data demonstrating "very high risk" for mental health issues and economic deprivation, and "high risk" for prevalence of alcohol and drug use.

While stakeholders report a host of local problems, substance abuse is at the forefront of their concerns, especially availability of drugs and youth early initiation. They identified the following as their primary issues of concern and noted that substance abuse intensified, or was a root cause of, many of the community's problems:

- Drug abuse
- Homelessness
- Illiteracy
- Cycles of Addiction
- Age of First Use
- Affordable Housing
- Gang Participation
- Mental Illness
- Single Parenthood
- Availability of Drugs and Alcohol
- Transitional Housing
- Poverty, Lack of Economic Opportunity

Contributing Conditions:

Stakeholders identified North Everett as a changing community with great issues but even greater diversity. While they overwhelmingly viewed their diversity as a strength, many also described it as a "double-edged sword" that segregates the community.

Poverty, housing and easy access to drugs and alcohol were each identified as historic challenges in North Everett, as well as getting at-risk families to reach out and getting more stable families to become involved.

Although many agencies provide services to the community, stakeholders felt a lack of coordination among some agencies resulted in duplication of effort, and created less effective support systems for those at-risk.